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Dear Mr. Edelman:

This is in reference to your letter of August 6, 1981, concerning correction of mistakes in bids alleged before award, and serves to confirm our telephone conversation of yesterday.

As I explained to you during our telephone conversation, our Office gave serious consideration to this matter several years ago in connection with proposed legislation which would have limited revision or withdrawal of bids where mistake is alleged. There was some discussion at that time regarding whether Government bid correction policy would have to be changed by amending existing statutes or whether the policy could be more easily altered by recommending charges to the DAR and FPR committees. To my knowledge, we did not recommend any changes from the present policy.

While I agree that there may be merit to the views you have presented, Seymour Efros, our Associate General Counsel, has informed me that we are not inclined to initiate action to change our bid correction policy at this time. He also indicated a willingness to meet with you to discuss this matter if you should desire to pursue it further or have any specific suggestions you would like to present. In accordance with our conversation, we are closing our file in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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